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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES: ITALIANS WAIT FOR EU
DISCUSSION

REF: A)STATE 164970 B)BRUSSELS 4299

CLASSIFIED BY: CLASSIFIED BY LABOR COUNSELOR JOHN BASS, REASONS 1.5 (B)
AND (D)

¶1. (U) ITALY WILL AWAIT THE RESULTS OF SEPT. 11 DISCUSSION AT
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THE EU CFSP HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP BEFORE MAKING ANY
DECISIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE UPCOMING COMMUNITY
OF DEMOCRACIES MINISTERIAL, INCOMING MFA HUMAN RIGHTS
DIRECTOR CALVETTA TOLD US SEPT. 6. HE CONFIRMED THE WORKING
GROUP WOULD ALSO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE EU UNGA RESOLUTION ON
IRAN. CALVETTA INDICATED ITALY'S LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN
THE MINISTERIAL HAD YET TO BE DETERMINED (COMMENT: NOT
SURPRISING GIVEN THE CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY OVER WHEN PM
BERLUSCONI INTENDS TO RELINQUISH HIS ROLE AS ACTING FM AND
NAME A SUCCESSOR). CALVETTA WAS INTERESTED TO LEARN
SECRETARY POWELL WAS FAVORABLY CONSIDERING ATTENDING THE

SIPDIS
MINISTERIAL.

¶2. (C) ALLUDING TO THE COREU FROM THE DANISH PRESIDENCY,
CALVETTA INDICATED ITALY APPRECIATED THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S.
ATTACHED TO THE CD AND THE SEOUL MINISTERIAL.
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